

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 1914 – HB 2241**

March 7, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the state forester to designate portions or all of each state forest as a free-use area where residents of the state may harvest dead timber for personal use. Requires the state forester to promulgate rules for harvesting dead timber in free-use areas, which must be approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014365):** Deletes and rewrites the proposed legislation such that the only substantive change is to replace “harvest dead timber” with “remove downed and dead timber” in the original bill.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact the policies and operations of the state forester or the Department of Agriculture.
- Any impact on the state forester or the Department of Agriculture relative to promulgating rules can be accommodated within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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